

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent for treating mitochondrial disease;~~ A method of treating mitochondrial disease comprising administering an agent comprising L-arginine and 0.2 to 20 parts by weight of L-ascorbic acid per 1 part by weight of L-arginine; to a patient suffering from mitochondrial disease.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent for~~ method of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 1, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 6 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent for~~ method of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 2, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 0.25 part by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent for treating mitochondrial disease;~~ A method of treating mitochondrial disease comprising administering to a patient suffering from mitochondrial disease an agent comprising:
_____ L-arginine;
_____ at least one selected from the group consisting of ribonucleic acids, ribonucleotides and ribonucleosides; and
_____ 0.2 to 20 parts by weight of L-ascorbic acid per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent for~~ method of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 4, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 6 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent for~~ method of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 5, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to

0.25 part by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent for treating mitochondrial disease,~~ A method of treating mitochondrial disease comprising administering to a patient suffering from mitochondrial disease an agent comprising:

_____ L-arginine; ~~and~~

_____ 0.2 to 20 parts by weight of L-ascorbic acid per 1 part by weight of L-arginine; and

_____ containing no cysteine;

_____ wherein L-arginine and L-ascorbic acid ~~being~~ are dissolved in a pharmaceutically acceptable solution.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The agent for~~ method of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 7, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 6 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The agent for~~ method of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 8, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 0.25 part by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.